



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING MAGNETORESISTIVE DEVICE CAPABLE OF PREVENTING A SENSE CURRENT FROM FLOWING INTO DEAD REGIONS OF A MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

**LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please substitute the attached 3 sheets of formal drawings depicting Figures 23-27 for the corresponding drawings filed with the application. The attached drawings have been corrected pursuant to the Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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